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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES

1. I SAW FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES FEBRUARY 5. HE OPENED BY GIVING WHAT HE TERMED TO BE GOC'S CONSIDERED VIEW OF TURKISH PLANS FOR CYPRUS. IN A FIRST PHASE, GOT WOULD CONSOLIDATE PARTITION, BRING IN A SUBSTANTIAL MAINLAND POPULATION AND KEEP GREEKS IN SOUTHERN ZONE OFF BALANCE AND HARRASSED TO PROMOTE EXTENSIVE EMIGRATION. IN SECOND PHASE, AFTER POPULATION BALANCE HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED, TURKEY WOULD FIND PRETEXT TO OCCUPY THE REST OF THE ISLAND AND ANNEX IT.

2. THIS GLOOMY FORECAST ASIDE, CHRISTOPHIDES WAS IN AN EXULTANT AND PUGNACIOUS MOOD OVER US CUTOFF OF AID TO TURKEY. TURKS, HE ASSERTED, UNDERSTOOD ONLY FORCE. THEY MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR A FEW MONTHS BUT WOULD IN THE END  
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BE FORCED TO RECOGNIZE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON US AND COME

BACK TO NEGOTIATION IN A MORE FLEXIBLE MOOD.

3. I SHARPLY DISAGREED, SAYING THAT GREEK ORCHESTRATION OF MATTER THAT WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF US FAR MORE LIKELY TO KILL OFF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION, RESULT IN FURTHER MILITARY ACTION, PRODUCE ZERO RESULTS FOR GREEK CYPRIOT INTERESTS, AND LEAD IN THE LONG TERM TO CONFLICTS WITHIN AND RADICALIZATION OF GREEK CYPRUS.

4. CHRISTOPHIDES AGREED THAT ALL THESE WERE POSSIBILITIES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT CYPRUS HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. "DR KISSINGER'S WAY" HAD BEEN TRIED AND FAILED. TURKS HAD BEEN COMPLETE-

LY INFLEXIBLE. INTERNATIONALIZATION WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. GOC POSITION PAPER WOULD BE READY IN ABOUT TEN DAYS AND IF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS WERE DEAD BY THEN, AS THEY PROBABLY WOULD BE, GOVERNMENT WOULD PUT ITS POSITION TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

5. I REPLIED THAT THE DECISION TO GO THE RUSSIAN ROUTE WAS ONE FOR GOC TO MAKE, BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD GAIN THEM NOTHING IN THE LONG RUN AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE THE LOSERS. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES THAT IN SHORT GREEKS HAD WON A PYRRHIC VICTORY IN AID CUTOFF.

6. COMMENT: CHRISTOPHIDES' MOOD AND STATEMENTS ACCURATELY REFLECT THOSE OF THE MAJORITY OF GREEK CYPRIOTS.  
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